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**FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED FOR ASSAULT RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY**

**(WACO, TEXAS)** United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 56-year-old **ROSE M. CHERRY** was charged by criminal complaint with assaulting a four-year old girl causing serious bodily injury on Fort Hood.

The complaint alleges that between 12:30 am and 3:30 am on May 13, 2003, the child suffered a beating which resulted in severe bruising and numerous lacerations to her face, arms, hands and legs. The complaint states that the defendant advised law enforcement that she whipped the child with a belt "to get her to do her homework."

The girl was pronounced dead at a local hospital sometime after 3:00 am. The official cause of death has yet to be determined.

Cherry remains in federal custody pending a detention hearing scheduled for 9:00 am on Monday, May 19, 2003, before United States Magistrate Judge Jeffrey C. Manske.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. Special Assistant United States Attorney Lance Hamilton is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

**An complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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